ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11-01

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Article 22: Carrying of Arms and Weapons

Except for police officers, it is unlawful to carry, convey, maintain, or provide any arm or weapon including, but not limited to, any fixed-blade knife, hunting knife, pocket knife, switchblade knife, bayonet, machete, firearm, chain, club, bat, stick, cane, blackjack, sling shots, and metal knuckles or any other object or device, whether normally designed for such use or not, which is intended to be used or which can be used in a dangerous or offensive manner to inflict bodily harm upon the person of another, or property damage upon the property real and personal, or the trees, shrubs, vegetation or lawn owned by or in the custody of the City, or any other person upon his person, or in a vehicle, whether concealed or not, within any public park, or other recreational area in the City, or in or upon any of the walks, lots or avenues of any park or recreational area in the City pursuant to § 13.6 of the City of Leeds Code of Ordinances.

Article 23: Reservations Rules and Regulations.

A. All groups desiring to make reservations for picnic shelters must complete a park reservation request form, submit a refundable cleaning and security deposit, and pay the required fee(s) at the time of request at the *Leeds Civic Center*. The Mayor can waive the fees on a case by case basis upon determining financial hardship. The reservations must be made at least two (2) weeks before the desired date.

Security deposit	\$ 50
Pavilion	
Up to 4 hours	\$ 80
Up to 8 hours	\$ 150
Up to 12 hours	\$ 200

- B. At the conclusion of the group's use, a staff member from the community services department will inspect the area to determine if it has been cleaned and to ensure that no damage has occurred. If the area is left in satisfactory condition, the deposit will be refunded. If the area has not been properly cleaned, the department will cause it to be cleaned, with the actual costs being deducted from the deposit. If the costs of cleaning exceed the amount of the deposit, the group or organization will be billed for the balance due with interest added if not paid within 30 days after the billing date.
- C. Groups who cancel a reservation will be charged a required fee(s) for handling. If the reservation is cancelled seven or more days in advance, the use fee and security deposit will be refunded. If the reservation is cancelled less than seven days in advance, only the security deposit will be refunded. Cancellations must be made during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), Monday through Thursday, by calling 699-6131 or by coming to the City of Leeds Civic Center in person. Should inclement weather occur on the day of the reservation, the groups may receive a refund of the use fee and cleaning/damage deposit or reschedule their reservation.
- D. All groups will confine themselves to their assigned areas, unless they are involved with recreational activities. No picnic tables, benches, grills, stoves or other park equipment will be moved from any other area without express permission from the Community Services Department. Groups may change assigned picnic areas if it does not conflict with another reservation.
- E. Organizations and groups staging functions in the parks should acquaint themselves with the general park rules and regulations. Actions which are in violation of said rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the outing, forfeiture of deposits, arrest or fine.
- F. These group use rules and regulations apply to all City of Leeds' parks and recreation areas.

Article 24: Issuance of Park Permits

Upon application presented at least two (2) weeks in advance, the Mayor will issue a permit for activities regulated within this chapter. The permit process described in this chapter shall be governed by Article 24 of this ordinance. A permit shall not be issued if the Mayor finds that the event or activity will violate or cause any of the following conditions to occur:

- 1. Violate law;
- 2. Exceed the capacity of the City Park or recreation area for the safe conduct of the event:
- 3. Present a clear and present danger to the health, safety or welfare of the public or other park users;
- 4. Conflict with the terms or conditions of a valid prior issued permit;

5. Involve the use of machinery or equipment which can damage park or recreation property;

6. Involve activity, equipment or a number of persons, or a combination thereof, which in the opinion of the Mayor of community services, is or constitutes a threat to public health and safety.

Article 25: Enforcement

Any person who knowingly or willingly violates any of this chapter shall:

- 1. Be denied the right to use the park facilities for such period as the City Council may determine;
- 2. Be liable for the amount of the damage caused; and/or
- 3. Be fined an amount not exceeding \$100.00 for each offense.

Article 26: Effective Date

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama or its otherwise becoming law.

Approved:

Attest:

Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk

City of Leeds Park Reservation Agreement

Security deposit	\$50
Pavilion	
Up to 4 hours	\$ 80
Up to 8 hours	\$ 150
Up to 12 hours	\$ 200

- 1. Only individuals twenty-one (21) years of age or older may rent any City Park or recreation area, sign the reservation contract and leave the \$50.00 security deposit. The Mayor may waive the fee on a case by case basis upon determining financial hardship. Payment of the reservation fee confirms reservation. Failure to make a prompt payment will result in cancellation. The renter whose name is on the Reservation Contract must remain in attendance for the entire function.
- 2. Cancellation Policy states that if the reservation is cancelled seven or more days in advance, the use fee and security deposit will be refunded. If the reservation is cancelled less than seven days in advance, only the security deposit will be refunded. Cancellations must be made during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), Monday through Thursday, by calling 699-6131 or by coming to the community services department.
- 3. Should inclement weather occur on the day of the reservation, the groups may receive a refund of the use fee and cleaning/damage deposit or reschedule their reservation.
- 4. The City Park and recreation areas are to be used for civic and social functions only. Only one reservation is allowed at a time.
- 5. No pets of any kind are permitted on the playground.
- 6. All events involving teenagers (13-19 years old) shall have adult supervision onsite with an adult to teenager ratio of 1 adult per 5 teenagers in attendance.
- 7. If the event being held at the park is strenuous in nature (e.g. football, track) the Mayor may require a Leeds Paramedic to attend at the expense of the renter.
- 8. Alcoholic beverages, drugs nor smoking are not permitted in any City Park or recreation area.
- The renting organization shall be responsible for set-up and clean up. No furniture or equipment may be moved or taken out of its designated area and must remain in the same location. All garbage must be bagged and taken to trash receptacles (bring trash bags).
- 10. No decorations, banners, streamers, etc. are allowed on walls, fences, or support structures using staples or nails. Tape, wire and silly putty are

permitted but must be removed at the conclusion of your event. Balloons are permitted inside the pavilions.

11. No open flames are permitted inside the pavilions. Grills are permitted outside of the pavilion structure but the grill must have the capability to be covered.

12. All City Parks and recreation areas close at 9 p.m. unless the sport fields are in use, in which case, the park will close at 11 p.m. The facility must be thoroughly cleaned upon completion of function or event. Failure to clean area and place all garbage in the available cans will result in forfeiture of deposit and possibly ineligibility to rent facilities in the future.

13. After each function, an inspection will be made to determine if all rules have been followed and the facility is properly cleaned. If not, security deposit and

future reservation privileges will be forfeited.

14. The City of Leeds reserves the right to modify or change the rental rules at any time. Leeds reserves the sole rights to cancel an event or void a rental

agreement.

15. The City Park and recreation areas are city owned; there are some reasonable concessions that must be taken into account when renting any of these facilities. The renter is only guaranteed the use of their specific reservation area, meaning that the restrooms, drinking fountains, playgrounds, parking lot, and ponds are open for public use at all times the park is open. Only, City of Leeds sponsored functions or events will constitute the closing of the City Park to the public.

This form must be completed, executed and returned via hand delivery, regular mail, email or facsimile with deposit to: Write all checks to "City of Leeds"

I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF PARK RULES AND GUIDELINES: (All renters must be either a City of Leeds resident or St. Clair, Jefferson or Shelby County resident) Please print or type Rental period and specific _____ time Name (responsible adult and renter) Address (City, State, Zip code) Home phone number Cell phone number Fax number Email address Event description (Examples= Birthday Party for 11 year old, Boy Scout Troop 100 cook-out and assembly) Driver's License Number Your signature below indicates agreement with the City of Leeds' City Park and recreation area reservation guidelines as well as responsibility for all damages caused during your rental. Abuse of rules will result in disqualification of future use of facilities and a fine. Please keep a copy of this agreement for your records and familiarize yourself with the "Park and Facilities Ordinance," which may be found at the City of Leeds Civic Center or Leeds City Hall. Date: Signature: (Signature of individual named above)

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- D. All groups will confine themselves to their assigned areas, unless they are involved with recreational activities. No picnic tables, benches, grills, stoves or other park equipment will be moved from any other area without express permission from the Community Services Department. Groups may change assigned picnic areas if it does not conflict with another reservation.
- E. Organizations and groups staging functions in the parks should acquaint themselves with the general park rules and regulations. Actions which are in violation of said rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the outing, forfeiture of deposits, arrest or fine.
- F. These group use rules and regulations apply to all City of Leeds' parks and recreation areas.

Article 24: Issuance of Park Permits

Upon application presented at least two (2) weeks in advance, the Mayor will issue a permit for activities regulated within this chapter. The permit process described in this chapter shall be governed by Article 24 of this ordinance. A permit shall not be issued if the Mayor finds that the event or activity will violate or cause any of the following conditions to occur:

- 1. Violate law;
- 2. Exceed the capacity of the City Park or recreation area for the safe conduct of the event;
- 3. Present a clear and present danger to the health, safety or welfare of the public or other park users;
- 4. Conflict with the terms or conditions of a valid prior issued permit;

- 5. Involve the use of machinery or equipment which can damage park or recreation property;
- 6. Involve activity, equipment or a number of persons, or a combination thereof, which in the opinion of the Mayor of community services, is or constitutes a threat to public health and safety.

Article 25: Enforcement

Any person who knowingly or willingly violates any of this chapter shall:

- 1. Be denied the right to use the park facilities for such period as the City Council may determine;
- 2. Be liable for the amount of the damage caused; and/or
- 3. Be fined an amount not exceeding \$100.00 for each offense.

Article 26: Effective Date

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama or its otherwise becoming law.

Approved:

Attest:

Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk

James O. Whitfield, Mayor

City of Leeds Park Reservation Agreement

Security deposit	\$50
Pavilion	
Up to 4 hours	\$ 80
Up to 8 hours	\$ 150
Up to 12 hours	\$ 200

- 1. Only individuals twenty-one (21) years of age or older may rent any City Park or recreation area, sign the reservation contract and leave the \$50.00 security deposit. The Mayor may waive the fee on a case by case basis upon determining financial hardship. Payment of the reservation fee confirms reservation. Failure to make a prompt payment will result in cancellation. The renter whose name is on the Reservation Contract must remain in attendance for the entire function.
- 2. Cancellation Policy states that if the reservation is cancelled seven or more days in advance, the use fee and security deposit will be refunded. If the reservation is cancelled less than seven days in advance, only the security deposit will be refunded. Cancellations must be made during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), Monday through Thursday, by calling 699-6131 or by coming to the community services department.
- 3. Should inclement weather occur on the day of the reservation, the groups may receive a refund of the use fee and cleaning/damage deposit or reschedule their reservation.
- 4. The City Park and recreation areas are to be used for civic and social functions only. Only one reservation is allowed at a time.
- 5. No pets of any kind are permitted on the playground.
- 6. All events involving teenagers (13-19 years old) shall have adult supervision onsite with an adult to teenager ratio of 1 adult per 5 teenagers in attendance.
- If the event being held at the park is strenuous in nature (e.g. football, track) the Mayor may require a Leeds Paramedic to attend at the expense of the renter.
- 8. Alcoholic beverages, drugs nor smoking are not permitted in any City Park or recreation area.
- The renting organization shall be responsible for set-up and clean up. No furniture or equipment may be moved or taken out of its designated area and must remain in the same location. All garbage must be bagged and taken to trash receptacles (bring trash bags).
- 10. No decorations, banners, streamers, etc. are allowed on walls, fences, or support structures using staples or nails. Tape, wire and silly putty are

- permitted but must be removed at the conclusion of your event. Balloons are permitted inside the pavilions.
- 11. No open flames are permitted inside the pavilions. Grills are permitted outside of the pavilion structure but the grill must have the capability to be covered.
- 12. All City Parks and recreation areas close at 9 p.m. unless the sport fields are in use, in which case, the park will close at 11 p.m. The facility must be thoroughly cleaned upon completion of function or event. Failure to clean area and place all garbage in the available cans will result in forfeiture of deposit and possibly ineligibility to rent facilities in the future.
- 13. After each function, an inspection will be made to determine if all rules have been followed and the facility is properly cleaned. If not, security deposit and future reservation privileges will be forfeited.
- 14. The City of Leeds reserves the right to modify or change the rental rules at any time. Leeds reserves the sole rights to cancel an event or void a rental agreement.
- 15. The City Park and recreation areas are city owned; there are some reasonable concessions that must be taken into account when renting any of these facilities. The renter is only guaranteed the use of their specific reservation area, meaning that the restrooms, drinking fountains, playgrounds, parking lot, and ponds are open for public use at all times the park is open. Only, City of Leeds sponsored functions or events will constitute the closing of the City Park to the public.

This form must be completed, executed and returned via hand delivery, regular mail, email or facsimile with deposit to: Write all checks to "City of Leeds"

I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF PARK RULES AND GUIDELINES:

(All renters must be either a City of Leeds resident or St. Clair, Jefferson or Shelby County resident) Please print or type Rental period and specific time Name (responsible adult and Address (City, State, Zip code) Home phone number Cell phone number Fax number Email address Event description (Examples= Birthday Party for 11 year old, Boy Scout Troop 100 cook-out and assembly) Driver's License Number Your signature below indicates agreement with the City of Leeds' City Park and recreation area reservation guidelines as well as responsibility for all damages caused during your rental. Abuse of rules will result in disqualification of future use of facilities and a fine. Please keep a copy of this agreement for your records and familiarize yourself with the "Park and Facilities Ordinance," which may be found at the City of Leeds Civic Center or Leeds City Hall.

Signature:

(Signature of individual named above)

Date: